

ABSTRACT

The present invention provides an apparatus, system and method for use in generating and maintaining an electronic address book. The address book is generated and
5 maintained by searching through archives of e-mails for e-mail addresses, evaluating the e-mail addresses based on criteria, and adding the e-mail addresses to an address book if the criteria is satisfied. In some embodiments, the address book is generating and maintaining by accessing
10 an archive, searching the archive for the e-mail addresses, retrieving e-mail addresses, applying criteria to retrieved e-mail addresses, and adding addresses to an electronic address book if the criteria is met. The apparatus for use in establishing and updating an electronic address book
15 includes means for scanning an archive and retrieving e-mail addresses, means for filtering the e-mail addresses if a criterion is met, and means for adding the e-mail addresses to the address book.

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